Myanmar has agreed to setup a police liaison post at the border, to provide a platform of daily interaction and joint interrogation of persons arrested for drugs/arms smuggling, and for insurgency related activities;

(b) to what extent setting up of police liaison post has helped towards a joint operation against terrorists; and

(c) to what extent it has reduced the insurgent activities in the North-Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The setting up of Police Liaison Officer along the India Myanmar border with a view to strengthen cooperation between the police forces of India-Myanmar border was discussed at the meeting of Myanmar Home Minister with Union Home Minister held in December 2006 and also at the Home Secretary Level talks between India and Myanmar held in February 2007 along with other issues of mutual concern including those related to security, drug trafficking and effective border management. Both countries agreed to cooperate closely with each other in this regard.

Accused absconding from jails

†2510. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of accused absconding from various jails of the country;

(b) whether any arrangement for providing names of absconding accused persons on website is being made; and

(c) if so, the details of States where such an arrangement is being introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) As per the figures compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau, the number of accused absconding from jails during 2003-05 is indicated below:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Year	No. of Escapees
2003	640
2004	569
2005	635

(b) and (c) "Prisons" is a state subject under List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution and Prison Administrations is the responsibility of the respective State Governments. No such data is maintained centrally.

Steps to contain terrorist activities

2511. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of concrete evidence of Pakistan's ISI involvement in the recent Mumbai blasts and in the active nurturing of Foot soldiers and logistics in Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka regions, what concrete steps are envisaged and initiated to curb and control terrorist activities; and

(b) whether there is any time-frame to do away this menace is possible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Government pursues a multi-dimensional approach to deal with terrorist activities and extends support to the States in neutralizing such terrorist activities. The Government has taken measures which *inter-alia*, include strengthening of border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment for security forces both at the Centre and in the States and undertaking well coordinated intelligence based operations. Besides, steps have also been taken to achieve bilateral and multilateral cooperation to deal with the menace of terrorism, given its global dimensions.

Further, the Government has been consistently taking up the issue of cross-border terrorism with Pakistan in the bilateral mechanisms set up for the purpose.